Social and Personal.

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No one seems to be quite sure as to the history of this chamber. No one knows just when it was built, of for what purpose, but there it is, and imagination supplies any number of romances in connection with it.

It is noted, curiously enough, that the door leading into this secret chamber was taken from its hinges and nailed up securely with wrought nails from the inside. Such a procedure rendered null and void the secret spring which opened the door by a touch from a fluger, after the plug, which concealed the spring, had been removed.

One can but wonder how the person who nailed up the door ever left the secret room, for it has only a fulso window, and is quite small. The one solution of the puzzle must have been found in the taking up of the floor anywarth room to admit of the prisener's takes, and then replacing it.

Who was hidden in this secure retreat, however, and for how long, are baffling questions that have not hitherto been answered.

The chamber was discovered by accident, sometime after the advent of the present owners of this lordly estate.

The cowslips, bordering the walks on the Brandon lawn, were planted by Mrs. Isabella Harrison, a former mistress of the mansion, held in tenderest remembrance by many Virginlans, who were entertained at Brandon during her regime.

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One of the pleasantest associations which enshrines Shirley in the minds of sill who visit it is that which links it with the girlbood and young ladyhood of General Robert E. Lee's mother, who passed as a bride from its portals to her life of rare usefulness and beauty beyond.

There are few homes in America that can offer as much to the visitor in storled interest and brilliant recollections as the two that will be thrown hospitably open to the guests of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities on Wednesday next.

Interesting Announcement.

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The engagement of Miss Maude A.
Jones, of New Store, Va., to Mr. William
P. Horner, of Roanoke Rapids, N. C.,
has been announced.

The wedding will take place June 25th
in the New Store Presbyterian Church,
and the ceremony will be performed by
the Rev. Mr. Hinderlite, of North Carolina, assisted by the Rev. Plummer F.
Jones

The bridg-to-be, who has spent several

The bride-to-be, who has spent several winters in Henderson, N. C., where she is very popular, is descended from French Huguenot stock, her paternal grandmother being a Miss Le Grande. She is a highly esteemed graduate of the State Normal School at Farmville, and is the president, and one of the founders of the "Zeta Tau Alpha," the first chartered woman's fraternity ever established in Virginia. Several of her bridesmaids will miso belong to this fraternity.

Mr. Horner is descended from the historic Horner, who have figured in the ecclesiastical and military annais of the Old North State. He is related to Bishop Horner and Professor Boane Horner. An active business man through personal preference, Mr. Horner is manager of the department stores for the Patterson Company at Rosemary and Rosnoke Rapids, and is a director of the First National Hank at Weddon, N. C. He is a son of Professor William D. Horner, of Henderson.

Among those who will attend the wed-Among those who will attend the weading will be Miss L. Horner, of Henderson, N. C.; Miss Evangeline Morton, of Pamplin City, Va.; Miss McLaurine, of Powhatan country, Mess Jennie Whitmore, of Lexington; Miss Lila Duval, of Arvonia, and Miss Gilliam, of Richmond, Vn.; Messre, Thomas and James Horner, of Henderson, and Mr. Leake Pease, of Oxford, N. C.; Mr. William Mullen, of Petersburg, Vs.

Petersburg, Va. Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Jones, of New Store, will entertain the assembled guests at supper. The wedding party will leave in time to catch the i A. M. train at Farmville. The bride and groom will make a tour of several Northern cities and summer resorts.

Traveling Library.

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Special thanks are due from the Woman's Club traveling library to the Bell Book and Stationery Company for three volumes of Prescott's histories and to Hunter and Company for a copy of the Teacher's Bible.

Since last week books have been received from Mrs. W. D. Thomas, Mrs. J. H. Harrison, Mrs. D. T. Williams, Mrs. John Hunter, Mrs. Charles Davenport, Miss Adele Mills, Mrs. W. E. Evans, Mrs. Norton, Savage, Miss Alice Parker, Mrs. Preston Cocke and Mrs. A. M. Tyler.

Personal Mention.

Mrs. James B. Pace spent some days of this week visiting her aunt, Mrs. A. G. Walters, near Danville, it being the first time she had been in that city for some years.

The death of Miss Virginia Sherrard, of Winchester, Va., the daughter of the late Judge Joseph Sherrard, of that city, re-calls the fact that Miss Sherrard was nearly related to Mrs. Clayton G. Cule-

mearly related to Mrs. Clayton G. Coleman, of this city

As a typical Southern woman Miss Sherrard was widely known for her many graces of heart and unit, and for many years as an educator of youth. She was the grandbaughter of a distinguished Revolutionary officer, General Lingleton, evidence, Congressman Singiton, entertained King Edward VII. Wash he islated the United States as Fringo if Wales, but declined to sell him his famous hare. Silverheel." The Sherrard have in Winchester is called Saratigs, and is on Amberst Street, Miss Lucy Coleman is named Lucy Singleton in honor of her Singleton ancestry.

Mrs. E. R. Baird, Jr., of Norfolk, Va.,

Mrs. E. R. Baird, Jr., of Norfolk, Va., is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Jacob Michaux.

Mrs. T. P. Campbell is the guest of Mr. James R. Rawlings and family, of Fredericksburg.

. . . Mrs. W. E. Evan, has returned from visit to her daughter, Mrs. Turner John ston, of Norfolk.

Among those who went to Fredericks-burg for the Horse Show wers Miss Eva Mann. Mrs. J. G. Leland, Miss Nellie Sut-ton and Miss Nannie Cooke.

Mrs. M. W. Woodward has returned from a visit to the Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Lee, of Charlottesville, Va.

Cards have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Thornton to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Lucy Daniel, and Mr. Charles Kingston von Weise, to take place at Village Church, Charlotte Courthouse, on Wednesday evening, June 29th, 8:30 o'clock.

Miss Sallye Faultor, the daughter of former Senator and Mrs. Faulkner, is entertaining a delightful house party in her home. "Boydville," at Martinsburg, W. Vs.

Mr. Howard S. Nulton is visiting relatives at his old home, Winchester, Va.

Mrs. Eyerard K. Pattison and her daughters, Alisses Mary and Marguerite Pattison, of Baltimore, have gone to Herryville, Va.. where they will spend the summer.

Mr. Wythe Lee Kinsolving, who has just

POEMS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Prof. Charles Ellot

No. 220.

David's Lament for Absalom.

BY N. P. WILLIS.

Nathaniel Parker Willis was born in Portland, Maine, in 1805, and died near Newburgh, N. Y., in 1807. He early showed tasts for postry and contributed largely to various journals. Though not a great poet, he was a brilliant writer of prose sketches, and occupied the highest position in the literary life of New York. He was especially distasteful to his far less prosperous, but infinitely more gifted fellow author. Edgar Alien Pos.

This extract is from a long poem called "Absalom." Absalom was the third son of David, king of Israel. He rebelled against his father and was defeated and slain in the forest of Subraim.

forest of Euhraim.



A LASI my noon.

Thou who wert made so beautifully the thought that death should settle in thy glorious eye, a that death should settle in this clustering hat the things of the things of the temp. LAS! my noble boy! that thou should'st die-And leave his stillness in this clustering hair! How could be mark thee for the silent tomb, My proud boy, Absalom!

Cold in thy brow, my son! and I am chill As to my bosom I have tried to press thee! How was I wont to feel my pulses thrill, Like a rich harp string, yearning to caress thee, And hear thy sweet "My father" from these dumb And cold lips, Absalom!

But death is on thee. I shall hear the gush Of music, and the voices of the young; And life will pass me in the mantling blush, And the dark tresses to the soft winds flung-But thou no more with thy sweet voice shalt come To meet me, Absalom!

And, oh! when I am stricken, and my heart Like a bruised reed, is waiting to be broken, How will its love for thee, as I depart, Yearn for thine ear to drink its last deep token! It were so sweet, amid death's gathering gloom, To see thee Absalom!

And now, farewell! 'Tis hard to give thee up, With death so like a gentle slumber on thee; And thy dark sin-oh! I could drink the cup If from this woe its bitterness had won thee, May God have called thee, like a wanderer, home, My lost boy, Absalom!



This series began in The Times-Disputch Sunday, October 11, 1903. One is published each day

finished a three years' course at the Epis-copal Theological Seminary, Alexandria, Alexandria, in two years and won many honors, will spend several months this summer and fall in Europe.

Mrs. Judice, of New Orleans, formerly Miss Hunter Fergusson, of this city, is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. D. Landerkin. Miss M. F. Parkinson, from Hollins, Va. is here on a visit to her brottler, Mr. James T. Parkinson, of No. 903 West Frankin Street. She has just returned from a delightful visit to the Misses Schmelz, of Hampton, Va.

Miss Marie Miller, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Miller, was awarded the gold medal at a Woman's Christian Temperance Union contest, held in Washington, Va., June 22, 1904.

Miss Sadie Wakefield is the guest in Portsmouth of Mrs. J. M. Wakefield.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Priddy, whose marriage was a society event of Wednes-day last in Newport News, will sail to-day

Mrs. C. E. Belvin was one of the Richmonders who attended the wedding in Danville of Miss Lottle Pace to Mr. Carothers.

Mrs. P. F. Conway is visiting friends in

Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Patterson, of Waynesboro, Va., spent several days of their bridal trip this week in Richmond.

Miss Hattle Williams, of this civ, was a guest at the wedding of Miss Louise Pfoiffer-to Mr. Peyton Cosby Johnson, taking place in Lynchburg Wednesday.

Matroni and Mr. John Patterson Robert-son, of Lynchburg, on Wednesday last,

Mrs. David Dunlop and her friend, Miss Venable, of Petersburg, are spending some time at Mrs. Dunlop's handsome place on the Meherrin.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Richwine have been guests at the Burton House, Urbanna, Va., for several weeks.

Miss C. D. Harris has returned from several days spent in Charlottesville.

At the wording of Miss Grace Lynne McCulloch to Mr. Albert Thomas Freeman, taking place in Washington June 23d, there were five bridesmaids, who fromed a semi-circle before the chancel. Their gowns were of light blue mossenine, made with accordion plented skirts and bedices, the latter trimmed in a fall of deep coffee-colored lace. They were Juliet head dresses of pearls, and carried white carnations. The bride's gown was of heavy slik crope, trimmed about the bodice and along the left side of the skirt with a fall of duchess lace. She were a tulle veil fastened (with a coronet of orange bissooms, and carried lilles of the valley.

Town and Country says, referring to the wedding in New York of Miss Lucy Carter Byrd to Dr. Ellsworth Ellot, Jr., celebrated June 16th, that it recalled the history of the South. The first Lucy Byrd was the wife of the founder of the city of Richmond-Colonel Byrd-who did so cumhtosaysk kurzed center mis ymfwl much to encourage immigration, offering large tracts of land to the Swiss and Germans. One of the men of the Byrd family first married a Carter, of Virginia, and at her death a member of the Willing family, of Philadelphia, to which Mrs. John Jacob Astor belongs. The bride's only attendant was Miss Louise Robertson.

It is noted at Meadow Brook, Long Island, that Mrs. Thomas Hitchcock has a great advantage over the other women who play pole, because she rides astride. It is predicted that Mrs. Hitchcock will advocke the wearing of trousers by woman much more effectively than Dr. Mary Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Vanderblit have leased a house in Bruton Street, London, for three months. They are pop-ular with London society, and are invited out a great deal.

Soldiers' Outing To-day. of all kinds. There will be a boat rate in the afternoon. Park special at 5:30 o'clock a large party of the friends of the soldiers will go, besides the regular faddists who go to West Point for their supper.

Next Wednesday "the Fez Club," composed of Shriners, will go to Beach Park for an ovening's enjoyment. They will go in their own private car, attached to the special, and will go for a good time.

Justice John's Return.

Fortunately for him, when Justice John reached port yesterday morning he had little to do, for the criminal docket was blank, and the ordinance docket contained but three small cases two drunks and one disorderly. Justice John has just returned from New York, where he went to consult his physician, who told him he was getting on all right. He went to the metropolis last Saturday, leaving the sin charge of Squire Graves the subject of the second continuous distributions, who was a full quote of landlords and tenants, grecerymen and butchers.

Property Transfers.

sioner, to Maggie Hölzhauer, interest in 25 feet west of Sixth.

Rosaile A. and T. T. Harris to Carlotta E. Gwatkin, one-half interest in 30 feet on north side Grace Street. 100 feet west of Laurel.

1.000 Higgins and others to R. H. Harwood.
40 feet on south side Beverly Street, 115-66 feet east of Linden, \$500.

Sacred Concert.

The following selections will be rendered at Beach Park to provide a fermion by Stein's Orchestra: March, Fall in Line, George Rosey; Trombone Solo, Charles Miller; Beyond the Gates of Paradise, Neal-Kins; Wattzes Charmesee, Max E. Eugene: Caprice Beaumorie, Prom. Lucer; Cornet Solo, Willio Gresset; Song. Non E. ver, T. Mattel; Intermezte, The Gondoller, W. C. Powel; March, The Jolly General, Nell Moret.

All taking place in Lynchburg Wednesday.

Miss Alice Doyle danced in the opening figure of the closing german at the Virginia Milltary Institute with Cadet T. C. Gordon. Miss Louisa Purcell was with Cadet J. W. Crowdus and Miss Avis Grant with Cadet Gibert Marshall.

Mr. Charles Robertson was best man at the wedding celebration of Miss Italina at the wedding celebration of Miss Italina.

OF TOBACCO MEN

Will Endeavor to Secure Parcel Postal System-Big Attendance Expected.

ANNUAL MEETING

for the annual session of the Tobacco Associa-tion of the United States, which will be held

of Statistics.

The advance of duty on strips in England will also be discussed, and something possibly may be done for the good of the owners of this type of tobacco.

The president of the association is Mr. T. M. Carrington, of this city

BASE-BALL TO-DAY.

Two Games at Broad Street Park This Afternoon.

The Twin-City League games at Broad
Street Park to-day will prove of interest,
as the three leading clubs will fight for
first place. The line up of the teams:
Brownies—Sharp, McEvoy, Cheatham,
Eacho, Anthony, Mickey, Knowles,
McLeayy, Huicher.
Pontlacs—Walters, Bauer, French, S.

ford, Jones, W. Ford, Stout, C. Bauer, Imperials—Rose, Haskins, Bache, Tay-or, Miles, Hogan, Boone, Gibson, Fitz-

The Biggest

Thing in

The Circus

This is the nickel that buys the snaps that please the maids and tickle the chaps

who know what's good

(like you and me) and go

Say

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NATIONAL

BISCUIT

COMPANY

to the grocer and

lor, Miles, Hogan, Boone, Gibson, Fitzpatrick.
Richmond—J. McEvoy, O'Hara, W.
McEvoy, Edwards, Crawford, Dalton,
Senf, Knightly, Senf.
Spence, the great infielder of the old
Jimplecutes, will probably play with the
Richmonds.
The first game will be called at 2:30
o'clock between the Richmonds and Imperials.

TOBACCO MARKET.

First Purchases Being Made for the Japanese Government.

the Japanese Government.

The tobacco market closed yesterday after a quiet week. Offerings were good and prices continue firm.

The regie sampling is well under way. The first purchases for the Japanese government are now being made. The quantity required by the yellow men will not be very large, and the purchases are not expected to have much effect upon the market. From three to five hundred hogsheads have been bought and are being shipped to Japan. Outside of this there is said to be but little demand for export. This condition is largely due to the high prices prevailing here for lugs and the undesirable quality of the crop for snuff.

Charter Granted.

The Corporation Commission yesterlay grant-el a charter to the Newport News Trust and Savings Bank (Inc.), Newport News; F. F. Finch, president; capital stock, \$25,000 to \$10,000.

CUT THIS OUT AND KEEP IT. You Will Want to Read this Story

WITH EDGED TOOLS,

BY HENRY SETON MERRIMAN.

. . ONE OF MERRIMAN'S STRONGEST BOOKS . .

CHAPTER XXXIX-Continued.

Marie, with her patient smile, "so like find. -so like. It could be no other man-to

-so like. It could be no other man—to do a thing like that."
Jocelyn gave Nestorius back to his mother, and the two women stood for a moment looking out at the sleepers, little knowing what the advent of these two men brought with it for one of them. Then the Englishwoman went to change her dress, awaking her brother as she passed his room.

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It was not long bfore Maurice Gordon had hospitably awakened the travellers and brought them in to change their torn and ragged clothes for semething more presentable. It would appear that Nestorius was not particular. He did not mind dying on the kitchen table if need were. His mother deposited him on this table on a nillow, while she prepared the able on a pillow, while she prepared the breakfast with that patient resignation which seemed to emanate from having tasted of the worst that the world has

some crumbs away with her apron. "That is so like Guy Oscard," said tiny wrist, but there was not much to

"I am afraid he is very ill," he said. At, that moment the kettle boiled over and Marie had to turn away to attend to her duties.

When she came back Oscard was lookwhen she came back Oscard was looking, not at Nestorius, but at her.
"We spent four days at Msala," he said, in a tone that meant that he had more to tell her.
"Yes?"

"Yes?"
"The place is in ruins, as you know."
She nodded with a peculiar little twist of the lips as if he were hurting her.
"And I am afraid I have some bad news for you. Victor Durnovo, your mas-

'Yes-tell quickly!"

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"He is dead. We buried him at Msala. He died-in my arms.

At this moment Joseph gave a little gasp and turned away to the window, where he stood with his broad back turned towards them. Maurice Gordon, as white as death, was leaning against the table. He cuits forgot himself. His lips

tasted of the worst that the world has to give.

Joseph was ready the first, and he promptly repaired to the kitchen, where he set to work to help Marie, with his customary energy.

It was Marie who first perceived a difference in Nestorius. 'flis dusky little face was shining with a sudden, weakening perspiration, his limbs hay life-lessly, with a lack of their usual comfortable-looking grace.

"Go!" she said, quickly. "Fetch Miss Gordon!"

Jocelyn came, and Maurice and Guy Jocelyn came, and Maurice and Guy Jocelyn came, and Maurice and Guy Gazard; for they had been together in Cascard; for they had been together in Manage and Maurice and Guy Joseph delivered

"We were married at Sierra Leone by the English chaplain. My father, who is dead, kept a hotel at Sierra Leone, and he knew the ways of the—half-castes. He said that the Protestant Church at Sierra Leone was good enough for him, and we were married there. And then Vivtor brought me away from my people to this place and to Msala. Then he got tired of me—he cared no more. He said I was ugly."

She pronounced it "ogly," and seemed to think that the story finished there. At all events, she added nothing to it. But Joseph thought fit to contribute a post scriptum.

at Msala to be massacred by the tribes, only Mr. Oscard sent yer down 'ere. You'd better tell 'em that.'' she replied, with a faint smile.

You better tell em tant."

"No," she replied, with a faint smile.

"No, because he was my husband."

Guy Oscard was looking very hard at Joseph, and, catching his eye, made a little gesture commanding silence. He did not want him to say too much.

Joseph turned away again to the window, and stood thus, apart, till the end.

"I have no doubt," said Oscard to Marie, "that he would have sent some message to you had he been able; but he was very ill—he was dying—when he reached Msaia. It was wonderful that he got there at all. We did what we could for him, but it was hopeless."

Marie raised her shoulders with a pathetic gesture of resignation.

"The sleeping sickness," she said, "what will you? There is no remedy. He always said he would die of that. He feared it."

In the greater sorrow she seemed to

In the greater sorrow she seemed to have forgotten her child, who was staring open-eyed at the ceiling. The two others—the boy and girl—were playing on the door-step with some unconsidered trifles from the dust-heap—after the manner of children all the world over.

"He was not a good man," said Marie, turning to Jocelyn, as if she alone of all present would understand. "He was not a good husband, but"—she shrugged her shoulders with one of her patient, shadowy smiles—"it makes so little difference reyes?"

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tempts to scale that height with the assistance of a saucepan that turned over and poured culinary delicates on his toes, or perhaps a sleeping cat that got up and walked away much annoyed. And now that he was at last at this dizzy height, he was sorry to find that he was too tired to crawl about and explore the vast possibilities of it. He was rather too tired to convey his foreflager to his mouth, and was forced to work out mental too tred to convey his forefinger to his mouth, and was forced to work out mental problems without that aid to thought. Presently his eyes fell on Guy Oscard's face, and again his own small features expanded into a smile.

"Bad case!" he said, and, turning over, he nestled down into the pillow, and he had the answer to the many questions that puzzled his small brain.

CHAPTER XL.

SUR JOHN'S LAST CARD.

SIR JOHN'S LAST CARD. 'Tis better playing with a lion's whelp

ent in man, and you have—Victor Durnovo.

Nestorius—the shameless—stretched out his little bare limbs and turned half over on his side. He looked from one face to the other with the grave wonder that was his. He had never been taken much notice of. His short walk in life had been very near the ground, where trifles look very large, and from whence those larger stumbling-blocks which occupy our attention are quite invisible. He had been the third—the solitary third child who usually makes his own interest in life, and is left by or leaves the rest of his family.

It was not quite clear — him why he was the centre of so much attention. His mind did not run to the comprehension of the left the he was the was the comprehension of the left the he was the was was an once the despair and the dread of newspaper interviewers, enterprising publishers, and the was so little known out of his own

was the centre of so much attention. His mind did not run to the comprehension of the fact that he was the wearer of thorrowed plumes—the sable plumes of King Death.

He was so little known out of his own Select circle that the porters in Euston that the porters in Euston asked each other in vain who the kitchen table—there was much there that interested him, and supplied him with food for thought, He had risked his life on more than one occasion in atsempts to scale that height with the assistance of a saucepan that turned over and poured culinary delicates on his seisance of a saucepan that turned over and poured culinary delicates on his cose, or perhaps a sleeping cat that got up and walked away much annoyed. And on the platform.

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He was walking up and down there now, with his hand in the small of his back, where of late he had been award of a const. I subling pain. He was very upright, in a cycle, and supremely unconscious of the curiosity aroused by his presence in the mind of the station "canaille." His lips were rather more troublesome than usual, and his keen eyes twinkled with a suppressed excitement.

In former days there had been no one In former days there had been no one equal to him in certain diplomatic crises, where it was a question of brow-beating suavely the upplish representative of some foreign State. No man could then riva him in the insolently aristocratic school

foreign State. No man could then rival him in the insolentity aristocratic school of diplomacy which England has made her own. But in his most dangerous crisis he had never been restless, apprehensive, pessimistic, as he was at this moment. And, after all, it was a very simple matter that had brought him here. It was merely the question of meeting a man as if by accident, and then afterwards making that man do certain things required of him. Moreover, the man was only Guy Oscard-learned, if you will, in forest craft, but a mere child in the hands of so old a diplamatist as Sir John Meredith.

That which made Sir John so uneasy was the ablding knowledge that Jack's wedding-day would dawn in twelve hours. The margin was much too small, through, however, no fault of Sir John's. The West African steamer had been delayed, unaccountably, two days. A third day lost in the Atlantic would have overthrown Sir John Meredith's plan. He had often cut things fine before, but somehow now-not that he was getting old, oh no!-but somehow the suspense was too much for his nerves. He soon became irritated and distrustful. Bewas too much for his nerves. He soon became irritated and distrustful. Be-sides, the pain in his back wearled him and interfered with the clear sequence

REMEDY DELAY IN STOCK SHIPMENT

Three Railroads Cited Soon to Appear Before Corporation Commission.

THE TRILBY BEST TO NORFOLK, OCEAN VIEW AND VA. BEACH TO-MORROW.

\$1.00 round trip to Norfolk and Ocean View. \$1.25 to Virginia Beach. Quickest route. No change of cars. Leaves Byrd Street Station 8:30 A. M.

FOURTH OF JULY EXCURSION RATES
VIA SOUTHERN RAILWAY.
On July 2d, 3d and 4th the Southern
Railway will sell special round trip tickets between all points on its lines, and
to points on connecting lines, south of
the Potomac and east of the Mississippi,
at rate of one and one-third livst-class
fares for round trip, limited to July 8th.
For information, apply to agents.

VIRGINIA BEACH—A GOOD PLACE TO
GO AND SPEND SUNDAY.
One of the best places is Virginia situated on the Atlantic Ocean; also the only
resort in Virginia where you can take
"a din in the ocean." The quickest and resort in Virginia where you can take "a dip in th occan." The quickest and best way to get there is on the popular "Trilby Excursion," which goes right through to the Beach without charge of cars. The "Trilby" leaves Bryd Street

THE WORLD'S FAIR, ST. LOUIS, IS
VIA THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY
THROUGH THE "LAND OF THE
SKY," FROM RICHMOND TO
ST. LOUIS WITHOUT A
CHANGE OF TRAINS.

CHANGE OF TRAINS.

The Southern Railway has on sale at Richmond, and all stations on its lines, very low rate excursion tickets to St. Louis, Mo., account the World's Fair. These tickets embrace stop over privileges between Salisbury and Morristown, which includes the famous mountain section of Western North Carolina, Asheville, Hot Springs and "The Land of the Sky." Elegant day coaches, through pulmans, and dining car service of the highest standard of excellence. highest standard of excellence.

following Tuesday.

SPECIAL RATES TO NASHVILLE,
TENN. VIA SOUTHERN RAILWAY
ACCOUNT FISKE UNIVERSITY
SUMMER SCHOOL, JUNE
27TH, JULY 29TH.
For the above occasion, the Southern
Railway will sell on June 23d, 25th and
27th, inclusive, tickets to Nashville and
return at rate of one first-class fare,
plus 25 cents; final limit fifteen days
from date of sale, with privilege of extension of final limit of tickets by depositing with folint agent, Nashville, and
payment of fee of 50 cents. Rate from
Richmond, \$15.00.

Officer Lost His Badge. Officer B. A. Pillow, of the Second Station, lost his badge, No. 61, Thursday morning. The finder is asked to return it to the Second Station. Burnett's Extract of Vanilla Has taken gold medals against all other brands.—"Adv,"

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